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PATENT APPLICATION

Examiner : Ruixiang Li
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Applicants : Hermann Oppermann, et al.
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responds to the April 21, 2008 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a 1-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(1). With the extension, a response is due on or before August 21, 2008. Thus, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.